

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-18-02

Issued at Juneau, Tuesday, June 25,
2002

Effective 12:01 A.M.
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2002

Expiration Date: 12:01 A.M. Wednesday,
August 1, 2002. Unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order allows anglers to fish the Windfall Lake outlet stream and that portion of the Herbert River within 100 yards of the confluence of the Windfall Lake outlet stream and Herbert River on Thursdays in addition to Wednesdays and Saturdays, during the month of June. This action, taken at this time, will result in providing anglers one additional day of fishing on June 27.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.022. (55) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 47.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND
SPECIAL PROVISIONS

(1) 5 AAC 47.022 WATER	SEASON AND BAG LIMIT						SPECIAL PROVISIONS
	King Salmon	Other Salmon	Trout/ Steelhead	Dolly Varden	Halibut/ Lingcod	Other Fish/Shell fish	

(55) WINDFALL LAKE DRAINAGE. ¹	Closed	1D ^{1,2,3}	1M,1R	1H		1S	¹ From the outlet stream of Windfall Lake and a portion of Herbert River within 100 yards of the confluence of the Windfall Lake outlet stream, including the Herbert River is closed to all sport fishing from June 1 through July 31, except that sport fishing is allowed on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays during the month of June; only 1 sockeye salmon 16 inches or more in length daily and in possession. ² Only 2 coho salmon 16 inches or more in length, daily and in possession. ³ Windfall Lake and all inlet streams are closed to the retention of sockeye salmon and only unbaited, artificial lures may be used.
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JUSTIFICATION:

This action is being taken to replace sport fishing opportunity lost due to access problems at Windfall Creek. Sport fishing opportunity for sockeye salmon in drainages crossed by the Juneau road system is very limited. The outlet stream of Windfall Lake, at the confluence with the Herbert River, provides the best sockeye fishing opportunity on the road system. This stream is open by regulation for six days when sockeye salmon are present. Most fishing effort occurs during the last two or three days when it is open to fishing.

The U.S. Forest Service will close fishery access to perform trail maintenance on Wednesday, June 26, which will preclude sport fishing opportunity during the second to last day open. There is no indication that the sockeye return to Windfall Lake is below levels expected to support this fishery. This emergency order provides one day of fishing opportunity to replace the day lost due to trail maintenance.

DISTRIBUTION:

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